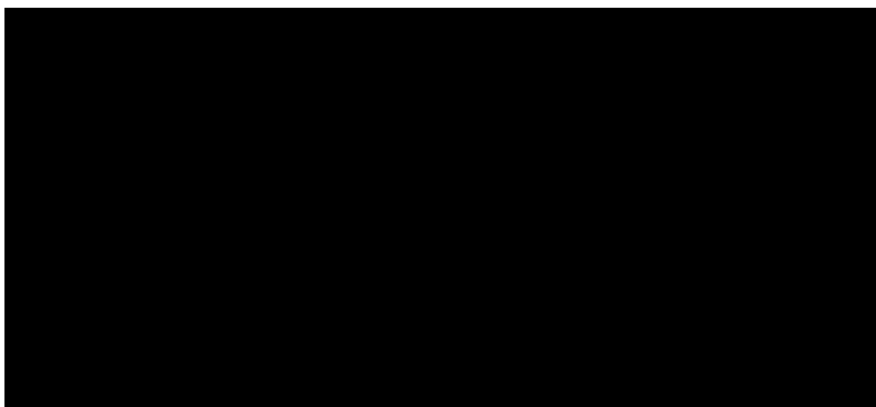


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Research, Development and Production Review Board

- I. Meeting #59 of the Research, Development and Production Review Board was held in the OC Conference Room at 1430 hours on 1 August 1956. The following persons were in attendance:



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- II. Under Agenda Item I, Old Business:

The Minutes of Meeting #58 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

- III. Under Agenda Item II, New Business:

1. Review of the Research and Development Budget. The Budget Officer explained to the Board the current overall budget for the Office of Communications and the reductions that appear to be necessary therein. After considerable discussion on this subject, the following decisions were reached:

a. That no action would be taken in Fiscal Year 1957 in regard to bi-phase equipment. This will eliminate a \$100,000 item of the Research and Development Budget.

b. The Chief, Plans and Policy Staff will explore the possibility of having outside funding, i.e. from the [REDACTED] in the amount of \$180,000 to support the [REDACTED] equipment program.

c. The Chief, Supplemental Programs Division will explore the possibility of absorbing within his budget funding for the quick reaction capability program.

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d. An Ad Hoc Committee composed of representatives of the Operations & Training Division and of the Engineering Division will prepare a list of priorities of development based on the originally established Research and Development Budget. They will present this priority list to the Board at a special meeting on 8 August for the Board's concurrence.

2. Mobile and Transportable Cryptographic Units. The Chief, Operations and Training Division stated that a staff study has been prepared and concurred in individually by the various Division Chiefs requiring the development of mobile cryptographic units to support 6ST and 2ST programs. He stated he believed that this was a matter for the Board to consider, and that accordingly had placed it on the Agenda. After some discussion, the following conclusions were reached:

a. That the requirement is a valid one.

b. That the Board approves in principle the proposed development.

c. That as to development priority, a companion unit for the 2ST should take precedence over development of a companion unit for the 6ST.

d. That the Engineering, Operations & Training, and Security Divisions confer on this matter; and when they have outlined an appropriate program, present this program to the Research and Development Board.

IV.

The Meeting adjourned at 1700 hours. The next Meeting of the Board will be a special meeting 8 August at 1430 hours to consider priorities for Research and Development.

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TO: Chairman of the Research and Development Board

DATE: 6 August 1956

FROM: Ad Hoc Committee for Research and Development Priorities

SUB: Research and Development Priorities

1. In accordance with the Board's directive of the Meeting of 1 August 1956, an Ad Hoc Committee was convened to study the 1957 Research and Development Budget and to prepare recommendations as to priorities of developments. This Board was composed of the following members and met on 3 August 1956:

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The decisions reached were as follows:

a. Three classifications of development priorities were established; namely,

Category I. Those items on which development must be initiated during FY 1957.

Category II. Those items on which it would be highly desirable to initiate development in FY 1957.

Category III. Those items which can most readily be deferred from the development program for FY 1957.

Category I:

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